

## Please pray:

- ✳ Brothers and sisters' houses in Montreal: that the Lord would receive the consecration of the saints who live in these houses and strengthen them to pursue Him in corporate living; that many older saints might be burdened to individually shepherd them; that they might receive the Lord's love and might overflow to love each other in the divine love; that they might learn to take up their cross daily and live by the resurrection life; that they might grow and be perfected in their spiritual exercise and function for the building up of the church.
- ✳ YP Conference in Toronto (Apr 19-21): 1) Pray that the hearts of the young people going will be prepared to be a good ground for the Lord to sow; 2) Pray that the serving ones will be strengthened in their tripartite being and they may learn how to serve in the Lord as the real Shepherd; 3) Pray that the Lord will gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ North America College Training 2019 (Jul 14 - 20): Please pray that many college students, especially from Montreal, would be released to attend this time; may the Lord start to prepare our hearts to be soft, emptied, unloaded and pure toward Him so that we could gain the most benefit from the training; that this generation of college students be gained to be the overcomers who will bring the Lord back.
- ✳ The Caribbean: Pray for the upcoming French-speaking conference in Guadeloupe, May 25-26; please pray for the French-speaking saints in Martinique and Guadeloupe; for the oneness and one accord among the saints in all the Caribbean Islands and nations; for the gaining and maturing of more saints, especially brothers; that the literature work might prevail and reach many seekers; that the Lord would thrust out many workers to reap the harvest; that the Lord would stir up many of His seekers to leave the denominations to meet in oneness as the local churches in their respective cities; that the Lord might gain His genuine testimony.
- ✳ First Lord's table in Novi Sad, Serbia (27-28 April): The first lampstand in Serbia will be established with the Lord's table on April 28. Please pray for a strong beginning of the Lord's testimony in that city through the blending fellowship in the Body
- ✳ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

## Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: 1 Jo 1:3 -2:11
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Leviticus, Vol 3, week 18

## Announcements

- ✳ The Parent-Serving Ones Conference will be held at the meeting hall of the Church in Toronto the weekend of April 26 - 28. The first meeting will be start on Friday evening. If there is anyone who would like to join this time in Toronto, please register with YP serving ones. The registration deadline for the PSO is TODAY. If you would like to hear the messages but are unable to go, please talk to the serving ones. If there are enough, a webcast can be set up.
- ✳ Registration for Live summer training and video training is now open. Deadline to register is April 29, 2019. Please be reminded that there will be no late registration for the Live July 2019. Sign up for Video training on the board and hand in payment at service office.
- ✳ Anyone interested in borrowing the messages on CD, please see the bookroom serving ones to sign them out.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

14 April	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
21	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 2 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang responsible)
28	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: Whole Church
5 May	Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ April 19 - 21, 2019, Toronto, ON: **Eastern Canada Young People spring retreat**
  - ✳ April 26 - 28, 2019, Toronto, ON: **Eastern Canada Parents and Serving ones Conference**
  - ✳ May 18, 19, Montreal: **Victoria weekend conference**
  - ✳ May 24-27, Seattle, Washington: **Memorial Day conference**
  - ✳ May 25-26, Les Abymes, Guadeloupe: **French speaking conference**
  - ✳ June 21-23, London, ON: **Grade 6 Conference**
  - ✳ July 1-6, 2019, Anaheim, CA: **Summer Training**
  - ✳ July 14-20: **North America College Training**
- The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

14	✠	10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
APRIL		
LORD'S DAY	✠	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
15	✠	
Monday		
16	✠	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
17		
Wednesday	✠	
18	✠	
Thursday		
19	✠	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday		
20	✠	
Saturday		
21	✠	10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
APRIL		
LORD'S DAY	✠	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

## LOVING THE BROTHERS

Scripture Reading: John 5:24; 1 John 3:14

The Gospel of John was the last Gospel written, and the Epistles of John were the last Epistles written. Before the Gospel of John there are three Gospels, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, which cover many acts and teachings of the Lord Jesus. The Gospel of John shows us the highest and most spiritual things concerning the coming of the Son of God to earth. It tells us clearly what kind of people can receive eternal life. It repeatedly says that those who believe have eternal life. The Gospel of John is full of the matter of believing. A person receives eternal life when he believes. This is the subject and emphasis of the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John pays special attention to things that the other Gospels do not cover. John 5:24 says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life." In other words, those who hear and believe have passed out of death into life. Here the door of the gospel is very wide.

When we come to the Epistles, Paul, Peter, and the other apostles also explain faith in a very clear way. They show us that every believer can receive grace. Yet when we come to the final Epistles, the Epistles written by John, we find the emphasis shifting to other things. While the other Epistles pay much attention to a man's faith in God, John emphasizes one aspect of practical conduct before God. His Epistles speak of love. The other Epistles say that those who believe are justified,

forgiven, and cleansed. But John's Epistles say that a person's faith must be evidenced by his love.

If we ask someone, "How do you know that you have eternal life?" he may answer, "God's Word says so." But this is not quite enough. He may have spoken it out of his mental knowledge; he may not have truly believed in God's Word. Therefore, John shows us in his Epistles that if a man says that he has eternal life, he must prove it. If a man says that he is of God, others must witness some kind of manifestation or testimony in him.

A person may say, "I have believed; therefore, I have eternal life." He may say this based on his knowledge. He can make the process of believing and having eternal life a formula: First, one hears the gospel; second, he understands; third, he believes; and fourth, he knows that he has eternal life. But this kind of formulaic "salvation" is not trustworthy. The Bible tells us that at the time of Paul there were false brothers (2 Cor. 11:26; Gal. 2:4). False brothers are those who call themselves brothers but are not actually brothers. Some claim to be of God but are actually void of life. They make their way into the church through doctrines, knowledge, and certain regulations. How can we know whether or not a person's faith is genuine? How do we know whether a person's faith before God is living or merely a formula? What way is there to prove who is of God and who is not? The Epistles of John settle this problem. John gave us a way to differentiate between true brothers and false brothers, between those who are born of God and those who are not born of God. Let us look at John's way of discernment.

Note: The content is extracted from New Believers Series: #22, Loving the Brothers by Watchman Nee, published by Living Stream Ministry, available at <http://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm>.